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SUBJ: SURVEILLANCE OF DCM

1. ON DEPARTURE FROM HIS HOUSE MORNING MAY 8 IN USUAL OFFICIAL CAR, DCM WAS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER VEHICLE WITH TWO MEN INSIDE. CAR BEGAN TAILING DCM'S VEHICLE RIGHT AFTER IT LEFT THE DRIVEWAY AND HAD APPARENTLY BEEN PARKED ABOUT A BLOCK AWAY IN POSITION FROM WHICH IT COULD OBSERVE GATES OF DRIVEWAY. DCM'S DRIVER MADE FOUR EVASIVE TURNS IN QUICK SUCCESSION, DOUBLING BACK TO HOUSE. TAILING CAR PURSUED EACH TURN, WINDING UP OPPOSITE GATES OF DRIVEWAY. AFTER DCM LEFT VEHICLE AND WENT INSIDE HOUSE, POLICE DETECTIVE WHO HAD BEEN RIDING WITH DCM AS BODYGUARD WENT OUT TO HALT THE TAILING CAR. HE SHOWED HIS POLICE BADGE, AFTER WHICH CAR SPED OFF. LICENSE NUMBERS WERE NOTED AND ARE NOW BEING CHECKED WITH GOC AUTHORITIES. BODYGUARD LATER SAID HE HAD ALSO OBSERVED A RED VAN WITH SIX MEN INSIDE WHICH HAD BEEN FOLLOWING BEHIND THE TAIL CAR FOR PART OF THE DISTANCE. ACCORDING TO BODYGUARD, THE VAN DROVE SLOWLY BY THE HOUSE AND RETURNED BY THE HOUSE TWICE. AFTER THIS INCIDENT, DCM RECALLED SEEING UNIDENTIFIED PERSON JUST OUTSIDE DRIVEWAY GATE LAST WEEK WHO CLOSELY OBSERVED OFFICIAL VEHICLE'S INTERIOR AS IT DEPARTED THROUGH GATE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE ALSO OBSERVED ON ENTERING DRIVEWAY IN CAR ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED PERSON WHO APPEARED TO BE SHOWING PHOTOGRAPHS TO ONE OF THE HOUSE GUARDS ON DUTY AT THE GATE. DCM ASSUMED THAT INDIVIDUAL WAS ONE

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OF THE FEE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO GO ABOUT SELLING PHOTOS THEY HAVE TAKEN OF DIPLOMATS AT OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS. GUARDS HOWEVER ARE BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THOSE TWO PERSONS.

2. A FOLLOW UP CAR WILL BE USED WITH THE DCM ON ALL MOVEMENTS, TEMPORARILY USING OFF DUTY BODYGUARDS. RSO IS VISITING F-2 POLICE

HEADQUARTERS TODAY AND WILL REQUEST THREE (3) POLICEMEN FOR BODY-GUARDS FOR DCM. ALSO, GUARD AT DCM RESIDENCE (THERE ARE TWO ON DUTY 24 HOURS A DAY) IS BEING DOUBLED.

3. DCM HAS NO DEPENDENTS AT POST, HIS WIFE IS IN THE U.S. AT THIS TIME.

4. POST WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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